



**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Regular Meetings: The First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified just below.

MEETING LOCATION Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St., Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Regular Meeting  
November 12, 2019**

9:07 AM Meeting called to Order by Chair Peters.

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Kreitz, Peters, and Stump.  
Supervisors Absent: None.*

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<http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/meetings>.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Gardner.

**1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

**Patty Christensen:**

Here for an acknowledgement and update. Three Public Works projects at the Antelope Valley Community Center including the tennis courts and parking in senior center, here to say thank you. She is the Vice Chair of AV RPAC, thank you from the RPAC.

**Don Condon:**

Part of the Electric Vehicle Association, Mammoth – thank you to the county for installing the electric vehicle charging station. Spoke about solar panels, the anticipated need for county buildings to isolate themselves against shutdowns. Submitting an article to the board and hoping for a future agenda item about it.  
<https://chargebliss.com/>.

**Stacey Adler:**

Mono County Superintendent of Schools. Here with Christopher Platt, with Mono County libraries. In June 2019 they began a podcast called "Oxygen Starved", today they released an episode with Bob Gardner. There are 3 sections to the podcast: adventures in and around Mono Co, books and literacy, and an interview with local personality.

**Christopher Platt:**

The Podcast picking up some traction, listenership is increasing. 2x a month.

**2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE**

**3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

**Steve Barwick:**

Has met with 7 departments so far, has been informative and productive. Has a few projects to share later.

**4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Nate Greenberg:**

Recent adjustment to broadband cooperative. Mono has 1 seat of 9 member board of Digital 395, and he was just elected Chair of that board.

**Wendy Sugimura:**

Hailey Lang is unfortunately leaving her department. November 15 is her last day. Continues talking with LADWP

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.)

**A. Allocation List Amendment - Behavioral Health – pulled by Supervisor Stump**

Departments: Behavioral Health

Adding two positions to the Allocation List allows Mono County Behavioral Health (MCBH) to promote staff who have met the requirements of the new level and who have received employee evaluations recommending promotion. Additionally, one of these positions will allow MCBH to fill a position that has been vacated by an employee taking on new job duties.

**Action:** Adopt proposed resolution R19-79, Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the County of Mono list of allocated positions to add two FTS I positions and remove one Office Assistant I/II position within the Department of Behavioral Health.

**Stump moved; Kreitz seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**R19-79**

**Supervisor Stump:**

Pulled because he has heard there are some deficits in public health, if there are funding shortfalls that could affect critical services, he'd like to see where funding can be found to maintain services.

**Janet Dutcher:**

has been working with their fiscal staff, they have a presentation on Dec 10, presenting trends in PH, why we have a fiscal problem, and possible solutions.

**B. Amendment to Contract with Bauer Planning for Environmental Services**

Departments: Community Development - Planning

Proposed contract amendment with Bauer Planning and Environmental Services to extend the expiration date and increase the not-to-exceed budget for an existing contract pertaining to the Tioga Inn Specific Plan Amendment and associated environmental analysis.

**Action:** Approve the contract amendment to extend the expiration date to December 30, 2020, and increase the not-to-exceed budget by \$85,700, and authorize Steve Barwick, CAO, to execute said contract on behalf of the County, with the total contract amount to be \$192,550.

**Kretiz moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M19-244**

**C. Amendment to North American Mental Health Services Contract**

Departments: Behavioral Health

Proposed amendment adding tele-therapy services to the agreement between the County of Mono and Native American Mental Health Services DBA North American Mental Health Services for the provision of tele-psychiatry services. The purpose of this amendment is to provide Spanish speaking services and increase capacity in the Behavioral Health Department. The original agreement was approved by the Board on September 10, 2019.

**Action:** Approve proposed amendment adding tele-therapy services to the current contract with North American Mental Health Services DBA North American Mental Health Services. Authorize CAO to execute amendment on behalf of the County.

**Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M19-245**

**D. Approved Increase in Appropriations to make a financial contribution to the Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitors Center using Geothermal Royalty revenues**

The Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center in Lee Vining is operated by the US Forest Service and provides regional information to travelers visiting the Mono Basin Scenic Area in the Eastern Sierra and Yosemite National Park. Without additional funding, the center will close. This item is a request for a one-time contribution to the center in order to extend its operating hours through the end of November.

**Action:** Approve increase of \$2,400 in Geothermal Royalties Fund to make a one-time contribution to the Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center in Lee Vining for extending the center's operating hours through

the end of November 2019 (requires 4/5ths vote).

**Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M19-246**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - NONE**

All items listed are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board, and are available for review. Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

**7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

**A. 2019 Economic Outlook and General Fund Fiscal Performance**

Departments: Finance

(Janet Dutcher) - Presentation discussing the 2019 and beyond economic outlook, analysis of trends, review of the County's General Fund (GF) fiscal performance for the year ended June 30, 2019, and concluding with information about the status of GF carryover and reserve balances.

**Action:** None.

**Janet Dutcher:**

Went through her PowerPoint.

Answered general questions from the board.

General thanks to Janet and comments from the board.

Break at 10:57

Back at 11:09

**B. Community Corrections Partnership Update**

Departments: Probation

(Karin Humiston) - Informational update on the progress and activities of the Community Corrections Partnership.

**Action:** None.

**Jeff Mills:**

Stepping in for Karin Humiston. New programs in the works for the Probation Department.

Executive committee working on a budget that supports goals and objectives.

General board comments and questions.

**C. Resolution Approving Application for Senate Bill-2 Grant Funds for Housing Production**

Departments: Community Development

(Bentley Regehr) - A formal resolution is required in order to complete the SB-2 application process, and therefore this agenda item requests the Board approve the attached Resolution. Upon Board approval, staff will submit an

over-the-counter request for \$160,000 to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for SB-2 funds.

**Action:** 1. Approve Resolution 19-80, Authorizing application for, and receipt of, Senate Bill (SB) 2 planning grant funds for use in developing prescriptive designs for accessory dwelling units and the creation of a CEQA streamlining checklist for greenhouse gas emissions. 2. Provide any additional direction to staff.

**Kreitz moved; Corless seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**R19-80**

**Supervisor Kreitz:**

She just attended the coalition for housing in Monterey. Mentioned new, cooperative resources available for prescriptive designs.

**Wendy Sugimura:**

Addressed how Community Development addresses prescriptive designs.

#### **D. CPUC Proceedings Regarding Public Safety Power Outages**

Departments: County Counsel

(Stacey Simon) - Opportunities for participation in California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) rulemaking proceedings related to electrical de-energization (PSPS).

**Action:** Continued discussion of County's options for participation in ongoing rulemaking of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) related to electrical de-energization (PSPS) in California and/or in related processes.

**Stacey Simon:**

Discussed how de-energizations are handled throughout the state. Lots of participation and input into CPUC procedures and impacts to Mono. Encouraged by being able to address our unique weather impacts.

**Nate Greenberg:**

CPUC Action, announced last week. Rural counties are feeling heavier impacts than other counties.

**Kathy Peterson:**

Need to be aware of those who need assistance, help if we can predict when their power will be affected.

#### **8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

on items of public interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. (Speakers may be limited in speaking time dependent upon the press of business and number of persons wishing to address the Board.)

#### **9. CLOSED SESSION at 11:59**

##### **A. Closed Session - Human Resources**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Steve Barwick, Stacey Simon, Dave Butters, Janet Dutcher, and Anne Larsen. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association), Local 39 - majority representative of Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers Unit (DPOU), Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association (PARA), Mono County Public Safety Officers Association (PSO), and Mono County Sheriff Department's Management Association (SO Mgmt). Unrepresented employees: All.

**B. Closed Session -- Exposure to Litigation**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases:  
1. Existing Facts and Circumstances: Return of Water to Mill Creek by Southern California Edison, Mono Lake Committee, et al.

**C. Closed Session - Exposure to Litigation**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases:  
1. Existing Facts and Circumstances: Withdrawal from Owens Valley Groundwater Authority Joint Powers Agreement.

**D. Closed Session - Existing Litigation**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: United States, Walker River Paiute Tribe v. Walker River Irrigation District, U.S. District Court of Nevada, Case No. 3:73-cv-00127-MMD-WGC

**THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RECONVENE NO EARLIER THAN 12:30 P.M.**

**Back at 1:02**

**10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

No one spoke.

**11. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON**

**A. Conway Ranch Grazing Request for Proposal**

Departments: Public Works

(Justin Nalder) - Receive staff presentation on Conway Ranch Cattle Grazing Request for Proposal.

**Action:** Approve publication of Conway Ranch Cattle Grazing Request for Proposal.

**Stump moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M19-247**

**Justin Nalder:**

Went through his staff report. Expects to have RFP for Conway soon so operations should be in place by next year.

National Resource Conservation Service plan, August 2018

Seems grazing plan fits well with the established conservation easement plan

**Public Comment:**

**Tim Hansen:**

fencing has not been brought up. A: fencing would be required per the language in the proposal.

**Jake Suppa:**

supports RFP, please keep in mind the 75 acre conservation parcel.

**Jeff Hunewill:**

hopes the County goes forward with this, would be a good use of land. Keep the water used beneficially.

Justin Nalder:

Historic structures and visitor locations will stay open, cow grazing should not impact these areas.

General board discussion, supportive of this use.

Supervisor Corless asked for future update on historic buildings.

## **B. Update on Mill/Wilson Creek Water Management**

Departments: County Counsel / Public Works

(Jason Canger) - Receive staff update on water management activities on Mill and Wilson Creeks in the North Mono Basin.

**Action:** None.

Stacey Simon and Bob Gardner are both recusing themselves; both own property within 500 feet of the creek.

Stepped out at 1:35 pm

**Jason Canger:**

Went through staff report, series of events.

**Supervisor Peters:**

Introduced a letter of correspondence dated October 25, 2019, included in Additional Documents.

**Hillary Hansen Jones:**

Lives on Mono Lake. Read two letters into the record, Katie Maloney Bellomo and Cole Hawkins – see Additional Documents. Referred to her letter from several months ago in response to Mono Lake Basin's rebuttal letter.

Supervisor Kreitz needed to leave at 2:04.

Break at 2:09. Simon and Gardner returned. Back at 2:12

### **C. Owens Valley Groundwater Authority Membership**

Departments: County Counsel's Office, Community Development Department (Jason Canger, Wendy Sugimura) - Receive update on status of the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority's preparation of a groundwater sustainability plan for the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority.

**Jason Canger:**

Gave overview.

**Supervisor Stump:**

Is Chair of Owens Valley Groundwater Board.

## **12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Supervisor Corless:**

11/6 Mammoth Lakes Town Council meeting—advocated for consistent flavored tobacco policy, sounds like town staff will bring back an ordinance for council consideration, though there wasn't clear consensus among councilmembers.

11/7 Meeting at LADWP with Inyo National Forest Supervisor Tammy Randall-Parker, Engineer Nora Gamino, and White Mountain District Ranger Phillip DeSenze. Purpose of the meeting was to ask for LADWP's partnership and investment in forest health and watershed improvement projects on the Inyo NF, given that the forest is a major source of water for Los Angeles and that projects could benefit water quality and quantity. There is a model for this type of investment with the city/county of Denver.

11/8 Participated in the state Forest Management Task Force Sierra/Eastside Regional Prioritization Group meeting.

**Supervisor Gardner:**

Last Wednesday Nov. 6 I attended the meeting of the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee. We discussed several issues, including the recent power outages, parking concerns in the village, and the County's permit process.

On Thursday Nov. 7 I attended a presentation sponsored by the Mono County Board of Education and the Mono Arts Council on Arts Education for our children and youth. Data was presented that showed only 26 percent of our children and youth have the opportunity for arts education. We may receive requests for resources for arts education as we consider our 2020-2021 County budget next spring.

On Friday Nov. 8 I attended a meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board in Bishop. Other than the regular monthly operations and financial reports, the Board elected officers and set the meeting schedule for next year. It is important to note that the Reno bus ridership continues to grow each month.

Last night I attended a meeting of the Mono Basin Fire Safe Council. This group continues to work on getting more fire prevention and other initiatives organized for their region. The group is pursuing a grant opportunity and options for increasing public awareness of fire prevention for residents and visitors.

**Supervisor Kreitz:**

Absent for Board reports.

**Supervisor Peters:**

6<sup>th</sup> Fisheries Fish stocking and fisheries management

6<sup>th</sup> Jan Cutts HT District Ranger  
7<sup>th</sup> GBAQCB – Wood Stove replacement  
7<sup>th</sup> IMACA  
7<sup>th</sup> RPAC AV – Healthy discussion on Commercial Cannabis  
Veterans Day 11<sup>th</sup> Mammoth Fire Station 1 Mammoth lakes Foundation Keynote  
George Savage  
Hailey Lange  
Follow Up to Patti's Public Comment Joe Blanchard  
Vandalism at the tennis court

**Upcoming:** BP RPAC

**Supervisor Stump:**

11-7 : Attended the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution District Meeting - First draft of the new smoke management plan was discussed as well as the new grant for wood stove replacement.

11-7 : OVGA Agenda Review for the 11-14 meeting - Bob Harrington is now involved which is a good thing

11-7 : Followed up with Alpine County Supervisors Haymes and Griffin about the "burn box (boss)" to see if it could be an alternative to assist the June Mountain fuel reduction project. Turns out it was purchased by GBUAPCD for Alpine County. Alpine County is not using it. Perhaps Mono Could rent it for \$1 per year and use it here. This needs to be followed up on.

**ADJOURNED at 3:00 pm**

**ATTEST**

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**STACY CORLESS**  
**VICE-CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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**HELEN NUNN**  
**ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD**